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BANK MANAGER SENTENCED FOR STEALING \$117,512

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Liberty, Mo., woman was sentenced today for defrauding a North Kansas City bank where she had worked as a manager.

Barbara A. Frazier, 38, of Liberty, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr. this morning to one year and one day in prison without parole. The court also ordered Frazier to pay \$117,512.12 in restitution to Bank of America.

On June 28, 2002, **Frazier** waived her right to a grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty to a federal information charging her with defrauding the Bank of America and its predecessors at 2260 Armour Road in North Kansas City, Mo.

Frazier diverted approximately \$117,512 of the bank's funds to her own use, Graves said, in a scheme that involved over 527 separate transactions that utilized more than 20 bank customers' accounts, from January 1995 through December 28, 2000. **Frazier** was originally employed as a teller and worked her way up to the position of branch manager, maintaining her own teller drawer and servicing customers in addition to her managerial duties.

Graves explained that **Frazier** created false documents and made it appear that she was crediting or refunding customers' accounts for bank fees previously charged in error, using the names and bank accounts of customers who came into the bank regularly or who were friends or family members. **Frazier** used the credits thereby created to purchase money orders from the bank, Graves said, which she filled in with her own name and deposited into two checking accounts at another bank.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth E. Weinfurt. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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